

Examiner Goldberg indicated that she wished to resolve these matters as quickly as possible.

Statement of the Substance of the Interview of 8 October 2002

Mr. Boyce first received the recorded message on 7 October 2002. On 8 October 2002, Mr. Boyce telephoned Examiner Goldberg to relate that his attempts to contact the client in order to obtain appropriate instructions had been unsuccessful, but that as soon as Mr. Boyce received instructions, he would contact Examiner Goldberg.

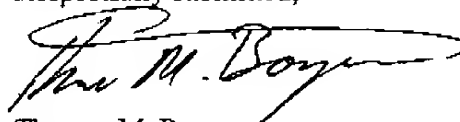
II. REMARKS

Appellants note that the Office Communication of 17 October 2002 did not indicate whether an amended or substitute appeal brief was required, nor did the Communication indicate by what date such a brief must be provided, if required. Appellants respectfully request clarification as to the status of the appeal in light of Examiner Goldberg's Communication.

III. CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, the arguments presented in the appeal brief, and accompanying documents, Appellants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, and an early indication to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response a call to the undersigned is invited.

Respectfully submitted,



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